City of Baldwin City Minutes from the March 19, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

The Baldwin City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. at the Baldwin City Public Library, 800 7th Street, with Mayor Casey Simoneau presiding.

Present were Council Members: Tony Brown, David Simmons, Brian Cramer, A.J. Stevens and Susan Pitts. Also, attending: Glenn Rodden-City Administrator; Ed Courton, Community Development Director; Amara Packard, Mike Pattrick, Police Chief; Chris Croucher, Utility Distribution Director and City Attorney, Blake Glover.

A. Call to Order:

Mayor Simoneau called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- B. Approval of Agenda: David Simmons moved and A.J. Stevens seconded to approve the March 19, 2019 agenda. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.
- C. Consent Agenda: Council considered Minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting. Susan Pitts moved and David Simmons seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.
- D. Public Comment: None at this time.
- E. Special Reports or Presentations: None at this time.

F. Old Business:

- 1. Truck bid-A.J. Stevens made a motion for the purchase of a new electric service truck in the amount of \$25, 323.00, David Simmons seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.
- 2. Harding Rezone A.J. Stevens moved and Brian Cramer seconded to approve Ordinance 1400 for the Harding rezone. Mayor Simoneau called for a roll call vote: Simmons, aye: Cramer, aye; Stevens, aye; Brown, Aye; Pitts, aye. Motion carried with 5 aye 0 nay.
- 3. Cereal Malt Beverage Brian Cramer moved and David Simmons seconded to approve Ordinance 1401 covering cereal malt beverage. Mayor Simoneau called for a roll call vote: Simmons, aye; Cramer, aye; Stevens, aye; Brown, Aye; Pitts, aye. Motion carried with 5 aye 0 nay.
- 4. RFQ for engineering services Staff recommended BG Consultants to be the engineering services for the Elm Street project. Susan Pitts made a motion to approve the proposal from BG Consultants in the amount of \$55,000 for the engineering design services for the KDOT TA grant.

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- A.J. Stevens seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.
- Charter Ordinance Repeal Brain Cramer and David Simmons would like to zero in on what tourism is. Brian Cramer would like to discuss how to handle tourism as a city at the next CDC meeting.
- 6. Sidewalk Project Ed Courton, Community Development Director went over the various Santa Fe and High Streets extension options. The council discussed the width of the sidewalks and would like to see cost difference between 6 and 8 foot sidewalks. Tony Brown said it would be a wise investment to look at wider sidewalks, shorter in distance.

G. New Business:

- 1. RFP A.J. Stevens moved and Brain Cramer seconded to award the bid to Mid America Bank with the highest interest rate of 3.01% for a 6 month CD. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.
- 2. Transient Guest Tax funding requests -The Lumberyard Arts Center, Recreation Commission, Chamber of Commerce and The Lodge submitted requests for funding for upcoming events. Brian Cramer would the council to agree on a structure for awarding grants next year. The council also discussed using the funds for a city wide campaign and buying ads in the Kansas Tourism Guide instead of funding only certain events and businesses.

Julie Constantinescu at 314 Santa Fe Dr asked for \$500.00 for the Lumberyard Arts Center. She let the council know that the Lumberyard Arts Center does various fundraising events and would love to see the council members attend these events. A.J. Stevens pledged \$500 from his personal account and later stated that he would raise another \$500.00 in pledges for a total of \$1,000.00. One of the requests for funding from the Chamber of Commerce did not get included to the council meeting packet.

Jeannette Blackmar, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, thanked the council for getting them into compliance with the transient guest tax and also thought promoting the city as a whole would be beneficial as well. David Simmons made a motion and A.J. Stevens seconded to fund the first request from the Chamber of Commerce to purchase brochures to promote Baldwin City. All other requests for funding were tabled. Mayor Simoneau and Brian Cramer suggested discussing the remaining requests at the upcoming CDC meeting scheduled for next Thursday morning.

H. Committee Reports:

- 1. Budget and Finance Susan Pitts/A.J. Stevens Working on the CIP, Glenn will bring a new list to the next meeting.
- 2. Community Development Committee Brian Cramer/David Simmons Lotatorium work session next week. The committee will also be working on the communications position, the transient guest tax and the entrance sign to Baldwin City. David Simmons updated the council that Trenary Tree Care has thinned out the trees out at the dog park area.

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- 3. Public Health and Safety Committee Tony Brown/Brian Cramer Finalized revisions to the manufactured home policy.
- 4. Public Works and Utilities David Simmons/Tony Brown The next meeting is Thursday March 21st at 8:15am at Public Works building.
- 5. Sidewalks and Trails A.J. Stevens/Susan Pitts The next meeting is April 4th at 7:00pm.
- I. City Administrator and Staff Comments: No comments
- J. Council & Mayor Comments: No comments
- K. Executive Session No executive session.
- L. Adjourn Susan Pitts moved and A.J. Stevens seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motions carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time 8:32 p.m.

Approved by the governing board on April 2, 2019.

Respectfully submitted:

Amara M. Packard

Attest:

Laura E. Hartman, CMC

City Clerk